#### Older Man 591

## **Chapter 591: Forum Storm**

Mo Long was also very helpless. He did not expect Jiang Yu to live in such an environment.

Jiang Yu said, "I'm already used to it."

Mo Long smiled and said, "I'll sit with you for a while."

Jiang Yu snuggled into Mo Long's arms and said, "Okay."

After dinner, everyone went to rest. The next morning, Mo Long first sent Jiang Yu back to school before returning to the company.

After Jiang Yu arrived at school, Lu Qi found her and asked, "Xiao Yu, have you seen the school forum?"

There had always been a forum in Ivy University. The identity of the founder was very mysterious and no one knew who that person was. Moreover, this forum usually didn't have many people posting or chatting. Only when there was a big event or a huge piece of gossip would there be people coming out to be active.

Now that Jiang Yu had defeated Li Yue and won the movie queen award, this was considered a huge piece of gossip. So for a time, the forum was very active. Most of the students in the school even used their rest time to browse the forum.

Jiang Yu had heard about this forum. She knew that when there was no big gossip, not many people would talk about it. So when Lu Qi asked her, Jiang Yu more or less guessed what the gossip was this time.

So she said, "It's about me winning the Movie Queen Award, right?"

"You know? Don't you usually not read these things?" Lu Qi asked curiously.

Jiang Yu said helplessly, "Although I don't read these things, I still have some understanding. The biggest gossip now is that I defeated Li Yue and won the Movie Queen Award."

Lu Qi said, "Many people are talking about it now. Originally, they were neutral, but in the end, it was that Kang Xue who instigated the middle. She said that with your strength, it's impossible for you to win the Movie Queen award. You can win this award because someone paid a troll army to get you your votes."

Jiang Yu sighed and said, "Kang Xue is that kind of person. You'll get used to it."

Lu Qi also sighed and said, "You're right."

"Then don't bother about them. Just focus on the lesson," said Jiang Yu.

Lu Qi nodded and was about to return to the classroom with Jiang Yu when he saw Tian Guo stumbling over and shouting, "Not good! Not good! There's a fight over there!"

Jiang Yu paused and asked, "Who's fighting?"

Tian Guo ran over and panted. "Kang, Kang Xue and Dai Zhu. They're fighting over there."

Jiang Yu and Lu Qi quickly followed Tian Guo.

Kang Xue and Dai Zhu were surrounded by a group of people. They could hear them arguing from afar.

"Speak your mind. What ability does Jiang Yu have? Why should she win the Movie Queen Award?!" This was Kang Xue.

Dai Zhu was not willing to be outdone and said, "Don't tell me that Li Yue is the only one who can win the Movie Queen award? Why?"

The two of them were in a heated argument. It was as if they were going to fight again.

Jiang Yu and Lu Qi rushed over. They pushed aside the crowd and pulled Dai Zhu to stand in front of her.

When Kang Xue saw Jiang Yu, the sarcastic expression on her face became even more obvious. She said sarcastically, "Isn't this our Movie Queen Jiang? What brings you here?"

Jiang Yu said expressionlessly, "The northwest wind blew today."

Kang Xue did not expect Jiang Yu to say such a serious thing. She was at a loss for words for a moment. After a long while, she said, "Jiang Yu, you were able to win this Movie Queen award purely because of luck, not strength!"

Jiang Yu knew that Kang Xue would definitely be so unreasonable and would only speak up for Li Yue. Since that was the case, there was no need for her to continue speaking to her.

Hence, she pulled Dai Zhu over and asked, "Are you alright?"

### **Chapter 592: Framing**

Dai Zhu said, "I don't have any relationship with her. But I just can't stand her saying that about you. So what if Li Yue won two awards? Could it be that Li Yue's name is written on this year's award? Only she can take it and no one else is allowed to take it?"

When Kang Xue heard Dai Zhu's words, she was unhappy again, she said, "No matter who the Movie Queen this year is, it can't be Jiang Yu! How long has she been debuting? Is there any work that she can bring out? Or is there any outstanding strength?"

Dai Zhu was about to speak when Jiang Yu stopped her, "Whether I have any outstanding works or whether I have strength or not, this matter has nothing to do with you. I got this Movie Queen award by relying on my own strength. Of course, there's also a part of luck in it."

"Your strength?" Kang Xue sneered, "Jiang Yu, feel your conscience. What strength do you have?" Said Kang Xue? You haven't debuted as long as my sister, and your works aren't as many as my sister's. How dare you say that you didn't get the Movie Queen award by trolling?"

When the surrounding people heard Kang Xue's words, they were all one-sided in favor of Kang Xue. They all began to suspect that Jiang Yu had gotten the Movie Queen award by trolling.

Lu Qi and Dai Zhu wanted to defend themselves, but they were no match for so many mouths. Each of them couldn't even finish a sentence.

Suddenly, someone asked, "Jiang Ran, is Jiang Yu your younger sister?"

Once this question was asked, the surroundings instantly fell silent.

Only then did Jiang Yu see that Jiang Ran was hiding among the group of people.

Seeing this, Jiang Ran knew that she definitely couldn't avoid it, so she could only stand out and say, "She's my younger sister."

Someone teased, "Jiang Ran, why is your younger sister like this? Buying internet trolls to buy votes, you're really embarrassing your family."

Jiang Ran did not know how Jiang Yu got the votes, but she admitted that she was indeed jealous when she won the Movie Queen award this time.

Even if she did not have the qualifications to win the Movie Queen award, Jiang Yu should not be the one who won the Movie Queen award!

Jiang Ran forced a smile and said, "My parents will teach her a lesson when we get home. Although it is a little embarrassing, she is still my little sister. As an older sister, I can't say too much."

Jiang Yu narrowed her eyes and sized Jiang Ran up and down.

She really knew how to talk. She always liked to create an image of a "Good sister" for herself in front of others.

Jiang Yu laughed and said, "Then it's really unfair for sister to have such a disobedient sister like me."

The people around also heard that there was something wrong with Jiang Yu's tone. They tactfully shut their mouths and waited to see the good show between Jiang Yu and Jiang Ran.

However, Jiang Yu wasn't willing to talk to Jiang Ran. She pulled Dai Zhu over and wanted to go back.

Jiang Ran didn't stop her. She was eager for Jiang Yu to quickly disappear from her sight.

Dai Zhu wasn't willing to give up. She asked Jiang Yu, "Jiang Yu, are we just going to leave like this?"

Jiang Yu said, "It's useless to argue with them. Let's go back quickly."

Tian Guo also said, "Yeah, let's go back quickly. In any case, in their hearts, they think that Jiang Yu got the Movie Queen because of the internet trolls. Even if we tell them, they won't change their minds."

Dai Zhu was still unwilling and said, "But Jiang Yu is not that kind of person! They have no evidence, so why would they say that?"

Jiang Yu sighed and said, "Rumors don't need evidence, they just need someone to have a mouth."

Lu Qi followed behind them and kept looking at her phone. Suddenly, she shouted, "Not good! Someone posted on the school forum that Jiang Yu got the Movie Queen award this year by relying on internet trolls!"

Jiang Yu paused. She couldn't help but feel helpless against those people who didn't mind watching the show.

Dai Zhu's anger burned again. "What?!"

## **Chapter 593: Music Class**

Lu Qi said, "These people are spouting nonsense without any evidence. I really want to report them all."

Dai Zhu also said, "That's right! And that Jiang Ran, she's Jiang Yu's sister. Why does she follow those people and not believe Jiang Yu?"

Tian Guo was also very curious and asked, "Yeah, she's Jiang Yu's sister. Why doesn't she believe Jiang Yu? And she said it as if it was true."

Lu Qi and Jiang Yu had known each other for the longest time, so she also knew some things about Jiang Yu and Jiang Ran.

It was true that Jiang Ran couldn't speak up for Jiang Yu. She even wanted to kick Jiang Yu out of the entertainment industry after this incident, so that she would never be able to make a comeback.

Lu Qi sighed and said, "Jiang Ran and Jiang Yu don't have a good relationship at all. How could she speak up for Jiang Yu?"

Dai Zhu and Tian Guo were stunned. They asked in unison, "How could that be?"

Lu Qi looked at Jiang Yu tentatively. After getting Jiang Yu's permission, he told her everything he knew.

After Dai Zhu heard it, she said in shock, "Really? How could the Jiang family be like this?"

Tian Guo was also very confused, she asked, "Yes, Jiang Yu is so much more outstanding than Jiang Ran. How can the Jiang family not like Jiang Yu? Instead, they like that Jiang Ran? She doesn't have the strength or resources. How can the Jiang Family Like Jiang Ran?"

Lu Qi shook his head and said, "I don't know about that."

Jiang Yu calmed herself down and said, "Alright, this is all in the past. Let's not talk about it now. I'm going to have a music class in a while. Do any of you want to join me?"

The other three took a look at their class schedule. Lu Qi said, "I'm going to have a professional lesson later."

Tian Guo said, "I'm going to have an English lesson later."

Dai Zhu said with some embarrassment, "I'm also going to have an English lesson later... Jiang Yu, if you go to have a music lesson later, won't you see Kang Xue again?"

Jiang Yu shrugged and said, "There's nothing we can do about it. So be it. So many people are here. Does she still want to make a move?"

Dai Zhu was still very worried and said, "But she'll definitely mock you. She might even say it in front of Professor Bai."

Jiang Yu patted her shoulder and said, "It's alright. You don't have to worry. Just let this matter ferment. I'll have a solution to it."

Although Dai Zhu didn't know what Jiang Yu was thinking of, it wasn't good for her to insist. She said, "Then be careful."

Jiang Yu nodded and said, "Okay."

"It's almost time. I'll go to class first," Lu Qi said.

Therefore, Dai Zhu and Tian Guo went to English class while Lu Qi went to professional class.

Jiang Yu also went to music class. Just as Dai Zhu said, she saw Kang Xue with her head held high again.

Kang Xue saw Jiang Yu and was about to say something sarcastic when she saw Professor Bai walking over with a textbook.

Jiang Yu couldn't help but find it funny when she saw Kang Xue's expression that she didn't dare to say anything. She asked, "Do you have something to say to me?"

Kang Xue gritted her teeth and said, "Jiang Yu, you're lucky today. I'll let you off first! I don't want to do something that would damage my image in front of Professor Bai."

As she was speaking, professor Bai had already walked over with the textbook in her hand.

When she saw Jiang Yu, she smiled and said, "Jiang Yu, how long has it been since you went back to school? I haven't seen you for a long time."

Jiang Yu said, "I'm sorry, Professor Bai. I've been a little busy working outside recently, so I didn't go back to school to see you."

Professor Bai said, "It's okay. You're my student. You're working outside to build your career. As a teacher, I'm very happy for you."

Jiang Yu smiled and said, "Thank you, Professor Bai."

Kang Xue had always held a grudge against Jiang Yu because she didn't become Professor Bai's last disciple. Now that she saw Professor Bai being so kind to Jiang Yu, she felt even angrier.

## **Chapter 594: International Piano Competition**

Therefore, Kang Xue walked in front of professor Bai and said, "Professor Bai, I heard that Jiang Yu even won this year's Movie Queen Award!"

Jiang Yu was quite surprised, because logically speaking, Kang Xue would not speak up for her.

Professor Bai was very happy and said, "I already know about this news! Jiang Yu, you really did not disappoint me!"

Kang Xue originally wanted to say something weird about Jiang Yu buying internet trolls to buy tickets, but seeing Professor Bai's reaction, she could only swallow her words.

If she had known earlier, she wouldn't have mentioned it.

Jiang Yu smiled and said, "I also have to thank teacher for nurturing me."

Professor Bai smiled and said, "Oh right, Jiang Yu, there's an international piano competition soon. The school has five spots, and they plan to select four students from the music department to participate."

"Four?" Kang Xue was the first to notice that something was wrong with the number and asked, "But teacher, isn't there five spots in the school?"

Professor Bai explained, "There is still one spot. I have already recommended Jiang Yu directly."

Kang Xue was in disbelief and said, "But Jiang Yu... is not a music department student."

Professor Bai said, "But everyone has witnessed Jiang Yu's piano strength. So I have my own reasons for recommending her."

Kang Xue recalled that there was an international piano competition a long time ago, but it was just a friendly international exchange. It was not an international competition at all.

Since the competition was also called this name, it might be just a friendly exchange like the previous competition.

But what Professor Bai said next surprised Kang Xue.

Professor Bai said, "This competition is jointly organized by our school and the famous art school, Cecilia University. The first place winner can go to Cecilia University to exchange for a semester."

Cecilia University?! This was the top ten art schools in the world!

How many people couldn't get in? Now, as long as they got first place in the international piano competition, they could exchange for a semester! This was the dream of countless people!

Kang Xue asked anxiously, "Professor Bai, then, then am I in the four spots?"

Professor Bai said, "These four spots need to be fought for by yourselves. The school will first conduct a selection competition and select four people to take the place of the school."

Kang Xue pointed at Jiang Yu and asked, "Jiang Yu is not a music student. Doesn't she need to participate in the selection?"

Professor Bai said, "Jiang Yu is already the candidate I recommended. She doesn't need to participate in the selection competition."

Kang Xue was not convinced, she said, "But that's her strength from before, not now! She is not a music student, nor does she need to participate in the selection competition. She can directly represent the school in the competition. If others find out about this, won't they say that Jiang Yu has pulled strings?"

Professor Bai felt that Kang Xue's words made sense. She said apologetically to Jiang Yu, "I didn't consider this reason. Then, Jiang Yu, do you think you can participate in the selection competition?"

Jiang Yu nodded and said, "Okay. It's just right. This way, we can prevent others from gossiping behind our backs."

As she said this, she gave Kang Xue a meaningful glance.

Kang Xue said unhappily, "What do you mean by looking at me?"

Jiang Yu smiled and said, "It's just your illusion. I'm not looking at you."

"You!" Kang Xue was so angry that she didn't know what to say.

However, her anger quickly dissipated.

So what if Jiang Yu's piano skills were strong? She had often played the piano during this period of time. She didn't know how many pieces she had practiced. Meanwhile, Jiang Yu had been busy filming and recording variety shows. She didn't have time to practice the piano at all.

She didn't believe that Jiang Yu's piano skills were stronger than hers.

Therefore, she said with a smile, "Then take it that I was wrong. But Jiang Yu, listen carefully. This time, from the beginning of the preliminaries, I will never give in to you."

Jiang Yu said with a smile, "I'll accompany you at any time."

# **Chapter 595: Pre-competition Preparation**

There was still some time before the school held the selection competition. All the music department students who had registered for the competition were practicing hard on the piano.

Jiang Yu was no exception. Even though she was not a music department student, she was a candidate personally recommended by Professor Bai. She absolutely could not disappoint Professor Bai.

However, even though Professor Bai was behind Jiang Yu, there were still many people who did not think highly of her.

This matter once again spread on the school's forum, causing a huge commotion.

Someone commented below, "This backer of Jiang Yu is really something. First, she bought a troll army to buy tickets for the best actress award, and now, Professor Bai is recommending her to participate in an international piano competition."

"But Jiang Yu isn't even a music student, right? Isn't Professor Bai's favoritism a little too obvious?"

"She's not even a music student, why would she recommend her? Is she trying to embarrass the school by recommending her?"

"It's fine if it's a piano competition organized by the school itself, but if Jiang Yu goes up and plays the piano, it'll be treated as entertainment time for us. But this competition is jointly organized by the Cecilia University. If Jiang Yu goes up, it'll be a disgrace!"

The people in Ivy League University were basically against Jiang Yu's participation in the competition. Only a few people believed in Jiang Yu's strength and believed that as long as she participated, she would definitely win the championship.

Lu Qi, Dai Zhu, and Tian Guo were among the few people who supported Jiang Yu the most.

They were all supporting Jiang Yu. No matter how harsh the words of others were, they had always supported Jiang Yu behind her back.

However, Jiang Yu had been practicing the piano recently, so she had no time to pay attention to what was happening on the forums.

It was not easy for her to have some time to rest, but Lu Qi and Dai Zhu stopped her from reading the posts on the school forum.

Jiang Yu was a little puzzled and asked, "What's going on with you guys recently?"

Lu Qi said, "Nothing much. I just saw that you've been too tired from practicing the piano pieces recently, so I wanted to bring you to have some fun."

Jiang Yu said, "There's still a week before the school's preliminaries, and an international competition is in a month's time. How can I still have time to play?"

Dai Zhu quickly followed up, she said, "We know that you're very focused on this competition, but you also have to know how to combine work and rest. If you sit in a chair for too long, it's inevitable that your back will ache. So, go out for a walk and breathe in some fresh air."

"That's right," said Tian Guo. "Jiang Yu, don't you feel unwell these few days?"

Hearing her words, Jiang Yu also felt that her back and shoulders were a little sore, so she said, "It's true that my back and back are a little sore. Let's go out for a walk and get some fresh air like you said."

Dai Zhu and Tian Guo each held Jiang Yu's arm and were about to go to the new restaurant in high spirits. However, on the way there, they passed by a group of people who were discussing the matter.

The leader was a girl with dyed red hair. Tian Guo knew her. She was Guo Yuan, who was in the same class as her.

Guo Yuan was considered a beautiful girl with good looks and a hot figure in the class. She often acted arrogantly in the class, looking down on this person and that person because there were many people who liked her.

Tian Guo was one of them.

Guo Yuan was still discussing this matter with her little sister and her suitors when she saw Tian Guo out of the corner of her eye. She hurriedly stopped her and said in a sarcastic tone, "Isn't this Tian Guo?"

Tian Guo didn't like Guo Yuan, so she didn't want to talk to her much. She only said, "Hello."

Then, she wanted to leave quickly.

Guo Yuan blocked her way and did not let her leave. She looked at Jiang Yu and said, "Isn't that Jiang Yu? Why is she playing with Tian Guo?"

Jiang Yu looked at her and asked, "What's wrong?"

#### **Chapter 596: Mean Person Mean Words**

Guo Yuan said, "Nothing much. Tian Guo can play with whoever she wants to play with. I'm not her mother, so it's none of my business. But she's my classmate after all... Tian Guo, what good will you get if you play with Jiang Yu?"

Tian Guo had always been ridiculed by Guo Yuan, so she was already used to it. However, if Guo Yuan said bad things about Jiang Yu, she would not be able to tolerate it.

She said, "Jiang Yu is very outstanding! I can learn a lot from her!"

"Really?" Guo Yuan had never seen Tian Guo like this before, so she could not help but be interested. She said, "Tian Guo, this is the first time you dare to talk to me like this."

Dai Zhu hated this kind of eccentric person the most in her life. She said, "Who are you? Do you think that you can say such things just because you are Tian Guo's classmate?"

Guo Yuan laughed loudly and said, "My mouth is my own. Of course, I can say whatever I want to say! It's none of your business!"

Dai Zhu said, "You!"

Guo Yuan then looked at Jiang Yu and said, "Jiang Yu, you're not really going to participate in the International Piano Competition, are you?"

Jiang Yu laughed and said, "Do you have a problem with that?"

Although Jiang Yu said this with a smile, Guo Yuan could hear the sarcasm in her words.

Guo Yuan's face turned a little red with anger, "What's wrong?" Said Jiang Yu. "The school's preliminaries are clearly stated that students from the music department are to be selected to participate in the competition. What's the point of a performance department student like you joining in the fun?"

Jiang Yu shrugged and said, "You have to ask Professor Bai about this."

Guo Yuan sneered, "Do you think that we won't dare to say it because Professor Bai has your back? Jiang Yu, we just doubt your strength and think that you're embarrassing our school by participating in the competition! What's the matter? Do you have any objections?"

Jiang Yu smiled and said, "Of course I don't have any objections. It's a good thing that someone has doubts about my strength. I can only grow better with other people's doubts."

"You?" Guo Yuan thought that her words would make Jiang Yu angry out of embarrassment. Her people were already prepared to capture the scene of Jiang Yu getting angry.

But she didn't expect that not only did Jiang Yu not get angry, she even stopped herself from saying those words.

Guo Yuan calmed herself down and said, "Alright. Jiang Yu, you better remember what you said today. Aren't you going to grow up? Alright, I want to see how you will look like!"

Jiang Yu smiled and said, "Then, please look forward to it."

As she said that, Jiang Yu left with the other three people.

Although Tian Guo also hated Guo Yuan, she was still her classmate after all. She had angered Jiang Yu but refused to apologize. Tian Guo was worried that Jiang Yu would be in a bad mood because of this

and would delay the competition for a week. Therefore, she wanted to apologize on behalf of Guo Yuan. She hoped that Jiang Yu would not be annoyed by this matter.

Therefore, she said, "Jiang Yu, Guo Yuan is that kind of person. You must not take it to heart. If you are angry, I will apologize to you on her behalf."

Jiang Yu patted her shoulder, "I'm not angry," she said. "Didn't I just say that it's a good thing for someone to question my strength? I'll grow because of it. Proper pressure will turn into motivation, so don't worry, Tian Guo, and don't apologize to me on Guo Yuan's behalf. She's the one who did something wrong, not you, so don't feel burdened."

Tian Guo smiled and said, "Alright."

Dai Zhu said, "I wanted to scold her just now. Tian Guo, are all the students in your class like that?"

Tian Guo hurriedly said, "No! It's just that Guo Yuan is a little complacent because someone likes her."

Dai Zhu sighed and said, "I think so too. There were a few boys following behind Guo Yuan just now. Are they her suitors?"

Tian Guo nodded and said, "Yes."

## **Chapter 597: Selection Competition**

Jiang Yu said, "Let's call it a day. Just treat it as a small interlude and let bygones be bygones."

Lu Qi also said, "Okay. Didn't we agree before that we were going to bring Jiang Yu out for a breather? Why did we change the topic?"

"Yes, yes, yes! Let's go eat!" Dai Zhu shouted excitedly.

The new restaurant was a Sichuan restaurant. The spicy and spicy food was very satisfying to Jiang Yu's taste buds.

A week passed quickly, and the tryout held by Ivy University had already begun.

The judges of this tryout had even specially invited Professor Carl from the University of Cecilia to take charge.

Kang Xue was full of confidence. She believed that she could convince Professor Carl with just one song.

An hour before the selection competition began, the order of the contestants was decided by drawing lots. Kang Xue was the thirteenth, and Jiang Yu was the last.

"Your luck is really bad." Kang Xue held the note in her hand that said "Thirteen." She said to Jiang Yu in a strange tone, "You're actually the last one. Do you know that the duration of this selection competition depends on Professor Karl? "If Professor Karl has already chosen five people before you, then you won't have the chance to perform."

Jiang Yu smiled and said, "Then let's give it a try."

Kang Xue said, "Jiang Yu, there are 231 people who have signed up for this selection competition. Even if you are excluded, there are still 230 people. What makes you think that Professor Karl can't choose five people among the people before you?"

Jiang Yu found Kang Xue a little funny and said, "Since you have the time to worry about me, why don't you worry more about yourself? What if Professor Carl Picks five people out of the top 12?"

Kang Xue was exasperated. "You!"

Jiang Yu said, "I'm going to prepare for the competition. You should also prepare well."

After Jiang Yu left, Kang Xue was also a little worried that Jiang Yu's words would come true, so she quickly practiced the piano, hoping to impress Professor Carl at the very beginning.

However, Jiang Yu's words were like a thorn, piercing deeply into Kang Xue's heart. It hurt so much that she could not concentrate.

What if Professor Karl had really chosen five people before her? Then wouldn't all the efforts she had put in for so long be in vain?

The more Kang Xue thought about it, the more anxious she became. Her fingers also played faster and faster. This "Moonlight March" also lost its elegant feeling because of her playing. Instead, it was very intense, like several horses running on the prairie.

After playing the song, Kang Xue also knew that she was not in a good state at the moment, so she began to try her best to adjust her emotions. She hoped that when she went on stage later, she could show her best side in front of Professor Karl.

When the third contestant was on the list, Professor Karl nodded his head in satisfaction and said in less fluent mandarin, "This student is not bad. She can go to the competition."

Therefore, Professor Bai placed a tick at the bottom of this contestant's name on the list.

Kang Xue became more and more nervous. When it was her turn to go on stage, she took a few deep breaths to gradually calm herself down.

When the "Moonlight March" ended, Professor Karl nodded his head and said, "This contestant is also not bad. She can go to the competition."

Therefore, Professor Bai put a tick after Kang Xue's name.

Those who did not participate in the competition were watching the show. According to Professor Karl's selection speed, it was very likely that he had already chosen five people before Jiang Yu.

Now, he had already chosen two people, and there were still three positions left. There were still more than 200 people before Jiang Yu. Could it be that among all these people, there were not even three people who satisfied Professor Karl?

It was absolutely impossible.

The music department was full of talented people. There were more than one or two people who were better than Jiang Yu. How could Jiang Yu be qualified for the remaining three positions?

### **Chapter 598: The Fifth Person**

Everyone was watching the joke, but Professor Karl gradually became more and more strict in the following selection.

Most people started to panic, because this was completely different from the way Professor Karl had chosen the candidates.

All the people who thought that Jiang Yu would not be able to take the three positions were now somewhat shaken.

One hundred and fifty people had gone up to the stage to play the piano, but there was only one person who satisfied Professor Karl. And regarding that person's strength, Professor Karl's evaluation was, "Barely."

That person was called Wang Qing, the publicly acknowledged goddess of the music department. But in Professor Karl's mind, Wang Qing's strength was only barely?

This could not help but make people worry about the contestants behind.

Up until the contestants before Jiang Yu, Professor Karl had only chosen one person. His evaluation was also the same: "Her strength is average, but she is much stronger than the others."

Now there was only one seat left. If nothing unexpected happened, this seat would definitely belong to Jiang Yu.

Everyone thought so, but Professor Karl said, "Professor Bai, I heard that there is a contestant who is not from the music department? So she was placed at the bottom, right?"

Professor Bai nodded and said, "Yes. Her name is Jiang Yu, she is my disciple."

Professor Karl nodded, he said, "Professor Bai, I believe in your judgment. Since she is your disciple, her strength must be outstanding. But she is not a music student and has not studied systematically in this aspect, so it is very difficult for me to believe in her strength. In that case, I don't think there's a need to watch her performance anymore. The four contestants can do it too. Although it's not quite what I expected, it's not a big problem."

Everyone was shocked again.

They didn't expect Professor Karl to express his dislike so clearly and directly say that he didn't want to watch Jiang Yu's performance.

This made Professor Bai feel a little embarrassed.

However, Professor Bai wasn't as embarrassed as others thought. Instead, she said, "If Professor Karl doesn't want to watch it, then we won't watch it."

Professor Karl raised his eyebrows and asked, "Is Professor Bai not going to speak up for your disciple?"

Professor Bai smiled and said, "Of course I do. However, we invited you here, so of course your opinion is the most important. Moreover, it's good if Jiang Yu doesn't participate in the competition. That way,

she can continue to stay by my side. After all, she's my most satisfied student and my only disciple. I can't bear to see her so far away from me."

Upon hearing Professor Bai's words, Professor Karl suddenly became very interested in Jiang Yu. He said, "In that case, I still want to see the strength of this contestant named Jiang Yu."

Professor Bai smiled and said, "Okay."

Kang Xue had felt a sense of pleasure when she heard Professor Carl say that he didn't want to watch Jiang Yu's performance. She quickly walked to Jiang Yu's side, intending to mock and ridicule her.

However, just as she said, "Jiang Yu, you have no chance at all." She heard Professor Carl say that he wanted to see Jiang Yu's strength.

Jiang Yu smiled and said, "Your wish has been completely disappointed."

Kang Xue said unwillingly, "So what If you went to perform? Don't tell me that if you went to perform, you will definitely get the fifth spot?"

Jiang Yu pretended to be deep in thought and said, "Who knows?"

Kang Xue was so angry that she stomped her feet. "You!"

After Jiang Yu went on stage, the people below the stage held their breaths, wanting to witness this historic moment.

Even though they didn't think highly of Jiang Yu before this, thinking that she wasn't qualified to participate in the competition at all. But now there was only one spot left, and Jiang Yu was the last person left. So, whether or not this spot would fall on her, each had a 50% chance.

If Professor Karl wasn't satisfied, Jiang Yu wouldn't get the spot.

But what if Professor Karl was satisfied? Then Jiang Yu would be the fifth person.

### Chapter 599: Shocked Carl

After Jiang Yu went on stage, she first bowed to the audience and then sat in front of the piano. She took a deep breath and her ten fingers danced nimbly on the black and white keys of the piano.

Jiang Yu played John Strauss Jr.'s "Blue Danube River", which was known as the "Second national anthem of Austria".

Professor Carl closed his eyes and listened to the song quietly. His previous frustration had now been calmed down.

When the song came to an end, there was complete silence below the stage.

Professor Karl slowly opened his eyes and could not help but applaud Jiang Yu.

"Professor Bai, your disciple's strength is indeed not bad. I think highly of her," said Professor Karl.

Professor Bai smiled and said, "Jiang Yu is indeed my proudest disciple."

Professor Karl clapped his hands in approval and said, "Good! Then Jiang Yu will be the fifth person I choose!"

In the end, Jiang Yu managed to get the coveted spot in front of those who didn't believe in her before.

There were a total of five people representing Ivy University in the competition. They were Tang Mi, Kang Xue, Wang Qing, Lin Bei, and Jiang Yu.

Apart from Jiang Yu, the other four people were all outstanding in the music department. They were called "Music goddesses" by the people in the school forum.

Carl slowly walked past the first four people and finally stopped in front of Jiang Yu.

He looked at Jiang Yu and asked, "Have you studied piano before?"

Jiang Yu answered politely, "I haven't studied it systematically. I've only taught myself for a period of time."

"Self-taught?" Carl was very shocked, he said, "I didn't expect that the piano you taught yourself to have such extraordinary strength! It seems that I underestimated you just now. Fortunately, your teacher, Professor Bai, praised and defended you just now, which made me interested in you. Otherwise, I would have missed you, an excellent student."

Jiang Yu smiled and said, "Thank you for your praise Professor Karl."

Karl's praise for Jiang Yu made the other four people's hearts burn with jealousy.

Jiang Yu was not a music student, nor was she recognized as the "Goddess of music" on the school forum. Why did Professor Carl only praise her? How did Jiang Yu get such a good opportunity?

Some people did not like it and did not want to give Jiang Yu a good look, so they said, "Professor Carl praised her so much. Jiang Yu, why are you still here? Why don't you just admit it?"

The person who spoke wasn't Kang Xue, but Wang Qing.

Although Kang Xue was domineering, she wasn't brainless. Under such circumstances, it was best for her to remain silent and not speak. She didn't expect Wang Qing to be the one who couldn't hold it in and actually spoke sarcastically to Jiang Yu in front of Professor Carl.

Although Jiang Yu wasn't familiar with Wang Qing, since things had come to this, she also knew why Wang Qing spoke like that.

However, Jiang Yu didn't want to argue with Wang Qing face to face, so she said, "You're too polite. Your performance is excellent, and everyone is not inferior."

Wang Qing said, "Excellent? I don't think it's as excellent as yours, right? Otherwise, why would Professor Carl praise you?"

After saying that, even Professor Carl, who didn't know what was going on between them, couldn't help but feel embarrassed.

The rest of the people also wanted to pretend that they didn't know Wang Qing. This person was really brainless.

It was one thing for him to be sarcastic to Jiang Yu, but he actually dared to say such words in front of Professor Carl? Wasn't it obvious that Professor Carl didn't know how to judge people? He only knew how to praise Jiang Yu, but he didn't know how to praise others. Did he say that Professor Carl didn't have emotional intelligence?

Wang Qing finally realized that he had said something wrong. He quickly covered his mouth and said, "Professor... Professor Karl! I'm sorry! I didn't mean to say that!"

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Professor Carl's expression was very ugly, but due to his identity, he held it in. He said, "You are all music students and have received systematic learning. It is not surprising that you can play the piano well. It is not something worthy of praise."

Wang Qing hurriedly nodded and said, "I know, I know! Professor Carl, please forgive me this time!"

Facing such an apology, Professor Karl felt that if he still put on airs and didn't forgive her, it would appear that he was a little stingy as a professor, so he said, "It's okay. In the world of art, there is no 'sorry'."

After saying that, Professor Karl went back to greet Professor Bai and then left.

Professor Bai walked over and said, "The five of you are going to represent Ivy University to participate in the competition. So before the competition, I will gather all of you to practice. Starting from tomorrow, you will be next to the music room."

Everyone said in unison, "Got it."

After Professor Bai left, the four people let out a long sigh of relief. Then, they turned to look at Jiang Yu.

Professor Karl had left, and Professor Bai was not there. So, of course, they would say whatever they wanted to say. Anyway, no one knew.

Kang Xue had been holding back just now. Now, she finally found an opportunity to burst out. She said, "Jiang Yu, did you play the piano piece yourself? Did someone play electronic music for you backstage?"

Lin Bei laughed and said, "I've only heard of lip-syncing. I've never heard of play-syncing before. Hahahaha!"

Tang Mi also said, "Jiang Yu, you've really broadened my horizons today."

Wang Qing had felt wronged because she had angered Professor Karl. She had also blamed Jiang Yu for this incident, so her tone was even worse, her words were even more vicious. "Jiang Yu, what right do you have to participate in the competition on behalf of the school? What right do you have to be praised by Professor Karl? You are a student of the acting department, yet Professor Bai favors you so much. What right do you have? Jiang Yu, why are you still alive in this world?"

When Wang Qing said this, the other three fell silent.

They did look down on Jiang Yu, and they did feel unconvinced because she had gotten the fifth spot. However, they would say sarcastic words, but they would not curse Jiang Yu to leave this world as soon as possible, much less say these words in front of her.

Lin Bei pulled on Wang Qing's sleeve and said, "Don't be too agitated. Aren't you afraid that she will complain if you say these words in front of her?"

Wang Qing said loudly, "What's wrong? I just want to say it! Am I wrong? Don't you think so?"

Lin Bei was silent. Kang Xue and Tang Mi were also silent.

Because they really thought so, but they didn't dare to say so.

Wang Qing said again, "In that case, what's wrong with me saying it for you?!"

Indeed, there was nothing wrong with it.

None of them dared to respond to Wang Qing's words because they were afraid of being caught. After all, there was an old saying, "Disaster comes from the mouth.".

Seeing that no one was speaking up for her, Wang Qing was a little annoyed and said, "I didn't say anything wrong! What kind of expression is that?!"

The other three people remained silent, however, Jiang Yu said, "No matter how angry you are, they won't speak up for you. You are now on the same side. When the competition is over, you will return to your respective tracks."

"I can understand if you doubt me or doubt me. I won't be angry even if you want to curse me in front of me. But doing so will only make you look petty, without structure, and not magnanimous at all. What kind of good piano music can you play with such a state of mind?"